

CITY OF ROCKFORD, IOWA

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

FOR THE PERIOD
JULY 1, 2014 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2015

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OFFICIALS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Robert Farr	Mayor	Resigned
Scott Johnson	Mayor Pro tem/Mayor	January 2016
Alvin Marth	Council Member/Mayor Pro tem	January 2016
Rick Palmer	Council Member	January 2016
Vernon Arndt	Council Member	January 2018
Michael Smith	Council Member	January 2018
Jason Stokes	Council Member	January 2018
Pam Hopper	Clerk/Treasurer	Indefinite
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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING
AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council:

I have performed the procedures enumerated below which were established pursuant to Chapter 11.6 of the Code of Iowa enacted by the Iowa Legislature to provide oversight of certain Iowa cities. Accordingly, I have applied certain tests and procedures to selected accounting records and related information of the City of Rockford for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The City of Rockford's management, which agreed to the performance of the procedures performed, is responsible for the City's records.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the standards for attestation engagements contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of those parties specified in the report. Consequently, I make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures I performed are summarized as follows:

1. I reviewed selected City Council meeting minutes for compliance with Chapters 21, 372.13(6) and 380 of the Code of Iowa.
2. I reviewed the City's internal controls to determine if proper control procedures are in place and incompatible duties, from a control standpoint, are not performed by the same employee.
3. I reviewed surety bond coverage for compliance with Chapter 64 of the Code of Iowa.
4. I obtained and reviewed the City Clerk's financial reports and selected bank reconciliations to determine whether the bank balances properly reconciled to the general ledger account balances and monthly financial reports provided to the City Council.
5. I reviewed City funds for consistency with the City Finance Committee's recommended Uniform Chart of Accounts (COA) and to determine required funds and fund balances are properly maintained and accurately accounted for.
6. I reviewed the City's fiscal year 2015 Annual Financial Report to determine whether it was completed and accurately reflects the City's financial information.
7. I reviewed investments to determine compliance with Chapter 12B of the Code of Iowa.
8. I reviewed compliance with Chapters 12C.2, 12B.10B and 556.1(12) of the Code of Iowa pertaining to required depository resolutions, investment policy and reporting of unclaimed property to the State of Iowa.

9. I reviewed debt, including general obligation and revenue bonds/notes, and related transactions for proper authorization and compliance with Chapters 75, 384 and 403.9 of the Code of Iowa and to determine whether the debt and related proceeds and repayments were properly accounted for.
10. I reviewed and tested selected receipts for accurate accounting and consistency with the recommended COA.
11. I reviewed and tested selected disbursements for proper approval, adequate supporting documentation, accurate accounting and consistency with the recommended COA and compliance with the public purpose criteria established by Article III, Section 31 of the Constitution of the State of Iowa.
12. I reviewed transfers between funds for propriety, proper authorization and accurate accounting.
13. I reviewed and tested selected payroll and related transactions for propriety, proper authorization and accurate accounting.
14. I reviewed the annual certified budget for proper authorization, certification and timely amendment.

Based on the performance of the procedures described above, I identified various recommendations for the City. My recommendations are described in the Detailed Recommendations section of this report. Unless reported in the Detailed Recommendations, items of non-compliance were not noted during the performance of the specific procedures listed above.

These agreed-upon procedures do not constitute an audit of financial statements or any part thereof, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on the financial statements or a part thereof. Had I performed additional procedures, or had I performed an audit of the City of Rockford, additional matters might have come to my attention that would have been reported to you.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the officials, employees and citizens of the City of Rockford and other parties to whom the City of Rockford may report. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

I would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to us by personnel of the City of Rockford during the course of my agreed-upon procedures. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, I shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.



Charles City, Iowa
November 17, 2015

Detailed Recommendations

**CITY OF ROCKFORD, IOWA
DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2014 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2015**

- (A) Segregation of Duties - One important aspect of internal control is the segregation of duties among employees to prevent an individual employee from handling duties which are incompatible. Generally, one individual has control over each of the following areas for the City:

- (1) Cash - handling, reconciling and recording.
- (2) Receipts - opening mail, collecting, depositing, journalizing, reconciling and posting.
- (3) Disbursements - purchasing, invoice processing, check writing, mailing, reconciling and recording.
- (4) Payroll - recordkeeping, preparing and distributing.
- (5) Utilities - billing, collecting, depositing and posting.
- (6) Financial reporting - preparing and reconciling.
- (7) Journal entries - preparing and journalizing.

Recommendation - I realize segregation of duties is difficult with a limited number of employees. However, the City should review its control procedures to obtain the maximum internal control possible under the circumstances utilizing currently available staff, including elected officials. Independent reviews of reconciliations should be documented by the signature or initials of the reviewer and the date of the review.

- (B) Information Systems Controls - The City does not have a written disaster recovery plan. Also, adequate fire protection of computers and files does not exist.

Recommendation - The City should implement the controls necessary to protect the processing of computer information.

- (C) Certified Budget - Disbursements during the year ended June 30, 2015 exceeded the amount budgeted in the community and economic development function. Chapter 384.20 of the Code of Iowa states, in part, "Public monies may not be expended or encumbered except under an annual or continuing appropriation."

Recommendation - The budget should have been amended in accordance with Chapter 384.18 of the Code of Iowa before disbursements were allowed to exceed the budget.

- (D) Financial Condition - At June 30, 2015, the City had deficit balances as follows:

Special Revenue, Hazard Mitigation Fund	\$ 606
Capital Projects, Property Acquisition Fund	4,226
Enterprise, Storm Sewer Fund	6,684
Enterprise, Thermostat Fund	34,468
Enterprise, Rebate Program Fund	1,900
Enterprise, Office Project Fund	87,768

Recommendation - The City should investigate alternatives to eliminate this deficit in order to return this fund to a sound financial condition.

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- (E) Transfers - The City transferred \$8,900 to the Debt Service Fund from the Enterprise, Water Fund. The resolution approved by the City Council only authorized a transfer of \$8,850.

Recommendation - All transfers should be approved by the City Council or by budget.

- (F) Annual Financial Report - The Annual Financial Report (AFR) beginning balance does not agree with the AFR ending balance of the prior year. Also, the total receipts on the AFR do not agree with the total receipts of the City's general ledger and the debt outstanding schedule contained several errors.

Recommendation - The City should review and verify the AFR before finalizing it to ensure the City's figures and AFR's figures are in balance of each other.

- (G) Bank Reconciliations - Bank reconciliations for all bank and investment accounts to total fund balance for all funds are not performed.

Recommendation - The City should establish procedures to ensure bank and investment account balances are reconciled to the general ledger monthly and variances, if any, are reviewed and resolved timely.

- (H) Monthly Receipts and Disbursements - Monthly receipts and disbursements recorded in the general ledger for the month reviewed did not reconcile to the bank statement deposits and payments.

Recommendation - The City should perform reconciliations to ensure general ledger and bank statement balances reconcile.